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To: House State Administration Committee

From: Joy Bruck, AARP Montana Volunteer Advocate

Re: Support HB 86, "Revising the date absentee ballots are available in certain elections"

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the record my name is Joy Bruck, state president of AARP Montana that represents around 150,000 members in this state. We urge this committee to approve House Bill 86, a bill that will remove any confusion for voters who receive absentee ballots for June primary elections only days before the conclusion of May school board elections.

Many AARP Montana members participate in voting and utilize absentee ballots in multiple elections each year. To keep it short, we appreciate the thought in helping eliminate confusion between cycles put forth by Representatives Bennett and Custer.

I appreciate your time today and urge a do pass on HB 86. Thank you.

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